

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

Meeting Format: Conference Call

March 16, 2012

Members Present – Kameka Brown, Chair, Cynthia Andrews, Gwendolyn Coates, Carolyn Johnson Davis, Marti Lindeman, Michael Lusk, Helen Sikov

Staff – Karen Winston, Maureen Linehan

I. Check-ins and Announcements

- Cynthia thanked members for condolences sent following the loss of her father.
- Maureen reported on the hiring of the new Aging and Disability Services (ADS) Director Jesse Eller. Jesse has more than 20 years of experience in health care administration, working his way up from entry level positions to the executive level. Most recently, he served as the Director of Long-Term Care for Yavapai County in Prescott, Arizona. His career has been diverse in terms of working with children, families, seniors and persons with disabilities. Jesse has taught health care administration at the University of Phoenix and business management at Yavapai Community College. He earned undergraduate degrees in business management and marketing, and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Jesse will be joining ADS effective Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

II. Committee Reports

Outreach, Education & Community Engagement – No report

Legislative Advocacy Committee – Gwendolyn updated members on the latest WA State legislative session. Both the House and Senate have passed budgets. The Senate budget includes full funding for Senior Citizens Services Act (SCSA), Adult Day Health Programs, and maintains funding for the Basic Health Program. It does not cut funds from the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, and it does not impose a lid on growth of home care caseloads. The adopted Senate budget includes significant cuts to K-12 and higher education, mental health and substance abuse programs, TANF and the elimination of Disability Lifeline Medical. The session may be extended beyond the March 9 deadline. Maureen added that there was also an increase in funding for the caregiver program.

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Gwendolyn and Marti would like to move forward with planning for the 2012 Legislative Forum in July. Cynthia agreed to host the event at the Central Area Senior Center. Helen recommended focusing on healthcare and housing. Marti would like to invite Dawn Mason to be the emcee again. Helen, Marti and Karen will work on planning the forum and will provide more information at the April meeting.

Digital Communications Committee – Marti thanked Karen and Gwendolyn for updating the MCAAE Facebook (FB) page, and asked members to forward any pictures they'd like added to FB to Karen. www.facebook.com/mcaae

III. Recruitment Update

Michael suggested that the bylaws be amended first before Margaret Boddie is given consideration to be re-appointed since she has served two terms already from 2005 to 2009. Margaret could instead be invited to serve on a sub-committee.

Cynthia recommended that a subcommittee be assigned to work on revising the bylaws as soon as possible. The following members volunteered to work on the subcommittee: Cynthia, Kameka, Marti and Carolyn.

The following individuals will be submitting or have submitted interest letters and resumes seeking appointment on the MCAAE:

- Margaret Boddie (Rec'd but pending revision of the bylaws)
- Marcy Jones
- Kimberly Walker (Rec'd)
- Le Auana Davis (Rec'd but address is outside of King Co.)
- Brittney Blue

Karen agreed to send possible dates to members to schedule interviews during the last week of March or the first week of April.

IV. Committee Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.